

St. Rose School – Facts

- Established 1891
 - Sisters of Charity
 - Convent Station
- Member of Middle States Association
- Student/Teacher Ratio – 15-1
- **Programs** – Computer Lab, Integration of Technology/ Curriculum, Summer Institute – Reading/Math, Library, Character Education, Drug Awareness, Writing Enrichment, Student Credit Union, Ongoing Professional Development Workshops, High School Student Mentoring
- Student Council/Newspaper
- Home-School Association
- WebSites:
 - School
www.stroseoflima.org
 - Alumni
www.thecanteen.com/members.html
- Jesuit Volunteer
- Member – NCC Network

Thanks for the Memories

St. Rose of Lima Elementary School has graduated thousands of children for over a century.

Recently, several graduates from the 50's and 60's returned to the school to which they give much credit for success in life. They wanted to reflect on their roots and to offer help and varied expertise.

Within a few months, Susan Kemka, Florham Park, NJ and John Crowley, Linden, NJ had set up a Web Site, called a few classmates living in contiguous towns, organized a luncheon (donated and cooked by an Alumni Chef), and were happily surprised when approximately 100 graduates arrived.

The luncheon Alums were greeted, seated and served by 8th graders who displayed the charm of a highly successful Maitre D'. In turn, students were amazed that these "old people" had actually sat in their classrooms and were now telling exciting stories of the "old days".

Several members of the newly organized Alumni arranged a trip to the Riverfront Stadium. Students were treated to the bus ride, tickets to game, and snacks. They met a few famous ballplayers; walked on the playing field; wowed the audience with their rendition of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame", and cheered wildly as the Newark Bears won the game. Truly – a time to remember.

Subsequently, the prime movers of this social-minded group have begun to gather names, addresses, and graduation dates in order to establish a mailing list. Although the Alumni Association is still in an abecedarian stage, plans are underway to gather the grads for a get-together function at the Jersey Shore – a short stop on the way to Newark.

Susan Kemka '68 enjoys a chuckle with 8th graders at stadium.



William Crawley

The vast majority of people in the workplace equate success with on-the-job promotions and pay checks. Not so for Bill Crawley, NCC Security Officer for the last decade. He has no interest in leaving the “field” for a desk job.

Bill came to NCC with a wealth of experience/background in security. After graduation from Orange High School (N.J.), he spent several years in some form of law enforcement including Private Investigation, Trouble Shooter, and Multiple Investigations. His training as an Electronics Technician has been put to the test as often as his “security” knowledge and skills. Bill has been assigned to the Workforce Development Center which is equipped with state-of-the art technology. Computers are used and challenged daily by our numerous workforce students/staff. Bill Crawley’s skills have saved NCC time, money, and technology temper tantrums.

In his capacity of Security Officer, Bill is totally committed whether it is a run-of-the-mill problem or midnight intruders or fire next door. In emergencies he is called immediately after Fire and/or Police Department. Often he is on the scene first to help guide civil authorities. He is determined to solve whatever problem arises in his bailiwick.

For instance, last month a fire broke out at 3 a.m. in the restaurant next door to NCC’s building. Bill was called and arrived just in time to stop firemen from breaking several windows in NCC’s building in order to gain access to the roof.

Bill has three sons – Schuyler, William Jr. and Christian. They are 16, 8, 7 years of age, respectively. The bulk of Bill’s free time is spent with his children helping them to grow up with a respectful attitude. (Bill confesses to liking all people except those who are disrespectful.) He believes “You need to give people room to be themselves – never judge”.

Since he loves to cook, Bill does an annual holiday dinner for his entire family. From preparing hors d’oeuvres to desserts, with several courses in between, Bill Crawley, the Martial Arts instructor, busily plies his culinary skills.



William Crawley, Security Officer at Workforce Development, NCC salutes you!

The Orange Y

NCC Orange Senior Housing was constructed on the site of the former "Orange Y", a City of Orange YMCA edifice built in 1890. The "Y" was renowned throughout Essex County.

The Orange Senior Housing opened in May '03. It is not yet renowned but it is swiftly becoming the hallmark of comfortable, affordable living for seniors in Orange. There are 100 one-bedroom apartments with subsidized rental rates.



Resident Jacqueline Sneed (c) discusses her new kitchen with Manager Thelma Harper (l) and Madge Wilson.

The Complex includes a community room, lounge area, laundry, and conference room. Also, as part of the NCC Network, Orange Senior residents will enjoy the services of NCC Security, Maintenance, and Management Departments. Their manager and social worker explain the typical rules/regulations as well as advocate for their rights and benefits.

Orange Senior was funded by U S Department of Housing and Urban Development, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; Federal Home Loan Bank of New York.

Social Investment

Financial angst is a given at this time for all of us.

The flagging economy has struck everyone causing downsizing and cutbacks. NCC has had its share. However, to eliminate programs like, e.g., Young Fathers, Family-Health, Home Health, Meals-on-Wheels, After School, Nutrition Program, and Summer Recreation is to deny our mission.

We thank you sincerely for your help and we ask you to reinvest or to invest in NCC at an 8% return on your investment.

... The development of people to their full potential and the building of a community that bring dignity to all are central to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his church...

Pope Paul VI, (Populorum Progressio)

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New Community employs over 2,000 people, houses 8,500 residents and provides job training and many social services to over 50,000 people daily.

Successful Fund Raiser

The Spring Festival is held annually for the benefit of St. Rose School which must raise a substantial amount of its budget in order to cover expenses.

Several hundred parents, residents of NCC, friends and neighbors of students enjoyed dinner and dancing interwoven with 50-50s, raffles, and auction.

The festivity took place in Essex County College Gymnasium, the only available space large enough to accommodate approximately 800 people.



Chef Joe Rodriguez (c) surveys parents serving guests at the Spring Festival.

ShopRite Training Center

The Rapid Transition to Work Program runs for 4-6 weeks/35 hours per week. The program includes concentrated job readiness/employability skills, customer service structured classroom training, interviews with ShopRite Supermarket management, and an additional two-week training period within the NCC mini ShopRite.

This highly comprehensive program guarantees employment for all who successfully complete the course. In addition, NCC's Gateway to Work Program provides intensive care management and retention services.



NCC boasts the highest retention rate of all workforce-training sites in the State of NJ.

Trainer Gwen French oversees a mock sale at NCC's ShopRite training site.

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